

BILL NO. 81-78
AS AMENDED

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COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 81-78 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council Member John W. Schafer

Legislative Day No. 81-28 Date October 6, 1981

AN ACT to add new Subsection 9-4.1 to Section 9-4, heading, Property Maintenance and Control, of Article I, heading, In General, of Chapter 9, heading, Environmental Controls, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the control of the growth of weeds and grass in CERTAIN VEGETATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF Harford County.

By the Council, October 6, 1981

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: November 3, 1981

at: 6:45 P.M.

By Order: Angela Maslowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on November 3, 1981 and concluded on November 3, 1981.

Angela Maslowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that new Subsection 9-4.1 be and is hereby added to
3 Section 9-4, heading, Property Maintenance and Control, of Article I,
4 heading, In General, of Chapter 9, heading, Environmental Controls,
5 of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

6 Chapter 9. Environmental Control

7 Article I. In General

8 Section 9-4.1

9 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any
10 weeds or grass VEGETATION, OTHER THAN TREES, CULTIVATED CROPS,
11 OR CULTIVATED ORNAMENTAL SHRUBBERY OR PLANTS" to grow to a height
12 exceeding twelve inches on any ~~vacant~~ lot or parcel of land less
13 than three (3) acres located in an approved and/or recorded
14 residential subdivision having three (3) or more lots or parcels
15 of land, and any part of which is within one hundred fifty (150)
16 feet of an occupied residence. Lots or parcels of land devoted
17 to bona fide agricultural use, ~~precluded from use as a building lot~~
18 or designated by any governmental agency as a wildlife preserve,
19 are exempt from the application of this section.

20 ~~(b)--It shall be the duty of the Director--of the Department~~
21 ~~of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits to serve or cause to be~~
22 ~~served by personal service or certified mail a notice to the~~
23 ~~property owner of the lot or tract of land on which weeds or grass~~
24 ~~are permitted to grow in violation of Subsection 9-4.1(a), and to~~
25 ~~demand the condition to be corrected within ten days from the date~~
26 ~~of the notice.~~

27 ~~(c)--If the person so served does not correct the condition~~
28 ~~within ten days, the Director of the Department of Inspections,~~
29 ~~Licenses, and Permits shall contact the Department of Public Works~~
30 ~~to proceed to have the weeds or grass cut.--The Department of~~
31 ~~Public Works shall keep an account of all expenses incurred.--Such~~
32 ~~expenses shall be charged to and paid by the owner.~~

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(d)--Charges-for-such-weed-and-grass-removal-shall-be-a
lien-upon-the-property--Any-violation-of-this-section-and-any
lien-resulting-from-non-payment-shall-be-subject-to-the-admin-
istrative-proceedures-and-penalty-provisions-of-this-Article.

(b) ANY PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE SUBDIVISION IN WHICH
THERE EXISTS PROPERTY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, AFTER PROPER
NOTIFICATION, MAY HAVE A SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE OFFENDING PROPERTY
OWNER. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED LETTER,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. THE NOTICE SHALL INFORM THE OFFENDING
PROPERTY OWNER THAT THE PROPERTY IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION
AND A REQUEST THAT THE VIOLATION BE CORRECTED WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS
FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE LETTER. IF AFTER FIFTEEN DAYS
THE VIOLATION STILL EXISTS, THE COMPLAINANT, MAY UPON SWORN
COMPLAINT BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT, FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS.

(c) ANY PERSON FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL
BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
(\$500.00).

Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act take effect*
sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: March 1, 1982

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 81-37 (December 8, 1981) (with amendments)

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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 9th day of December, 1981
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

County Executive _____

Date _____

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 81-78 (as amended), having received neither
the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one
(21) days of its presentation, becomes law on December 31, 1981.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Rec'd & Recorded 3-16 1982 at 1:00 P.M.
He Liber 7 Folio 196 & examined per
H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1982